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ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP AUSTRALIA 2022

INDIA MEET SA IN TOP-TIER CLASH

India can make it three in three with a win against South Africa. A look at their group stage match in Perth on Sunday...

ALL EYES ON KOHLI

India's man Friday for many a year has been the top dog at this event. And with South Africa possessing a varied bowling attack, he may again have to do the heavy lifting if the team is to pose a significant challenge

SA's NEW-BALL BOWLERS

This World Cup has been about bowling attacks taking powerplay wickets. And South Africa's attack is well equipped in this regard picking up five wickets combined within the first three overs in the two games

BHUVI THE PACE-SETTER FOR MEN IN BLUE

India have not missed Jasprit Bumrah because of Bhuvneshwar Kumar's accuracy, some seam movement and a different profile of batters. South Africa, though, aren't like that. They will come hard and will look to take advantage of powerplay field restrictions

LIVE @ 4.50pm | P17

Other matches

ZIMBABWE vs BANGLADESH: 8.30 AM

PAKISTAN vs NETHERLANDS: 12.30 PM

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Social media now toolkit of terror networks: EAM

Jaishankar flags new tech's flipside, calls for zero tolerance on terror

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

INTERNET and social media platforms have turned into potent instruments in the "toolkit" of terror groups, which are misusing new technologies such as encrypted messaging and cryptocurrencies to further their cause, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar warned on Saturday. Addressing a special meeting of the UN Security Council's Counter Terrorism Committee, he said while recent technological innovations have positively transformed the way the world functions, there is a flip side to it.

"In recent years, terrorist groups, their ideological fellow-travellers, particularly in open and liberal societies and 'lone wolf' attackers have significantly enhanced their capabilities by gaining access to these technologies," he said, adding that these forces use technology and money, and the ethos of open societies to attack freedom, tolerance and progress.

Reaffirming India's commitment to combat terrorism, Jaishankar also announced a voluntary contribution of $500,000 to the UN Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism this year to aid capacity building support to member states in combating terrorism.

Representatives from all 15 member nations of the UN Security Council attended the second day's meeting held in Delhi on Saturday. The first day's events were held in Mumbai on Friday.

The meeting also adopted the "Delhi Declaration" listing the Council's priorities in combating the challenge of terrorism and terror-financing. It called on member countries to ensure "zero tolerance" towards terrorist activities.

"Terrorism should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilisation or ethnic group. It was noted with concern the increased use of internet, social media platforms for terrorist purposes," the declaration read.

Speaking at the event, the UK's foreign secretary James Cleverly urged the members to work together to fight online terrorism – including recruitment campaigns and live streaming of attacks.

'NEW IT RULES TO PROTECT ONLINE USERS'

IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday said the intent of the new IT rules notified on Friday is to protect online users. Under the new rules, the Centre proposed to set up appellate panels to settle grievances that users may have against decisions of social media platforms such as Twitter and Facebook on hosting contentious content. Meanwhile, junior IT minister Rajeev Chandrsekhar said social media companies must act "as fast as possible" after a content is flagged, though they have 72 hours to remove objectionable content

IN ELECTION MODE

Gujarat govt forms panel to implement Uniform Civil Code

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

ON the lines of most BJP-ruled governments, the Gujarat government on Saturday formed a committee for the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code.

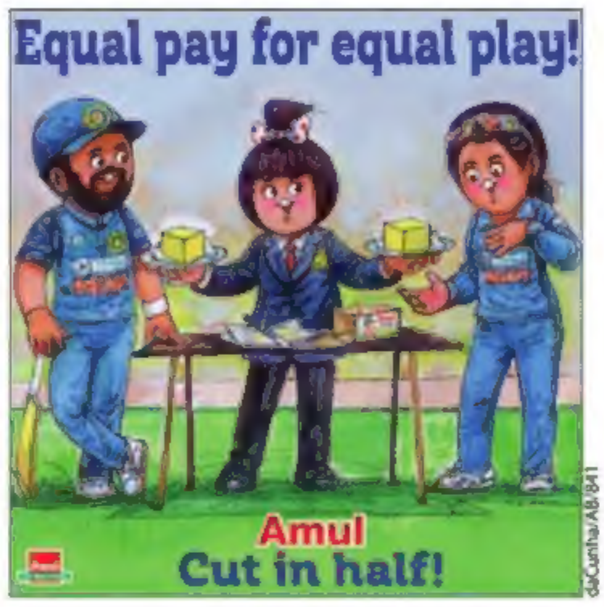
As the schedule for the state elections is likely next week, the Bhupendra Patel-led cabinet met perhaps for the last time to pave the way for the contentious measure. Patel said a high-level committee under chairmanship of a retired Supreme Court/HC judge will examine the need for the UCC in the state.

"There are two types of laws in the country: criminal and civil. Criminal laws are the same for every citizen whereas civil laws are different. In order to remove this discrepancy, the state government has decided to implement the Uniform Civil Code," said Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghvi.

Union Animal Husbandry Minister Purshottam Rupala said, "There are different laws as per religion, caste, creed, and cultural beliefs in matters such as marriage, inheritance, succession, divorce, inheritance, and guardianship. The UCC will give equal rights to all."

Reacting to the decision, state Congress chief Jagdish Thakor said the BJP is trying to divert attention from core issues like inflation and unemployment.

In recent months, BJP-ruled Uttarakhand and Himachal have formed panels to implement UCC. Goa is the only state in India that has such a code.



EXPRESS READ

2 students fall to death from flyover

Bengaluru: Two of three persons riding the same bike died after they were thrown off the flyover of the Kempegowda International Airport on Saturday. All three were postgraduate students of fashion technology. They were coming towards the city from Nandi Hills when the accident occurred | P3

Drunk man jailed for dozing off on tracks

Mangaluru: A 52-year-old man was jailed for a day and fined Rs 700 for sleeping on a railway track near Puttur on Tuesday night. After a photo of Dinesh Bhandary, a labourer, sleeping on the tracks did the rounds on social media, RPF personnel detained him and produced him before a local court | P5

WITH THIS ISSUE

DRUGISTAN The spectre of drug abuse is haunting Punjab with more ferocity as India reels from a narcotics crisis of escalating proportions

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PG seat matrix for med courses: HC quashes plea

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THE Karnataka High Court has declined to entertain a plea against the seat matrix issued for admission to medical courses in minority medical colleges for the academic year 2022-23. The seat matrix was based on a mutual agreement between the Association of Minority Professional Colleges in Karnataka and the state government.

"The association of which the petitioners are members entered into an agreement with the state government with eyes wide open. It is pertinent to note that the majority of the members of the association have not raised any grievance, either against seat matrix or against fixation of fee. Any alteration in the seat matrix at the instance of the petitioners shall affect the other members of the associations who are not present before the court", the HC said.

A division bench of Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S Vishwajith Shetty said that it is evident that the petitioners have got more seats in NRI and management quotas in previous years. Merely because they have got less seats this year, the petitioners cannot be permitted to make a complaint in this regard in the absence of violation of any statutory right, the court observed.

State aims to up ethanol blend in petrol from 10% to 85%

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

OFFICIALS from Karnataka State Bioenergy Development Board (KSBDB) are working with Oil Manufacturing Companies (OMCs) to increase the percentage of ethanol in petrol to ensure that large quantities of ethanol generated in the state is fully utilised, while aiming to address vehicular pollution and phase out dependence on fossil fuels.

At present 10 per cent ethanol is blended in every litre of petrol, but officials are working to beat the target set by the Central government and blend up to 85 per cent ethanol.

"At present a private company from Karnataka is undertaking trials on 85 per cent ethanol blend as is being done in buses in Nagpur (Maharashtra). The same can be done in Karnataka too. This is the best solution at hand to address the issue of vehicular emission. Gradually increasing the blending quantity will not affect engines and does not require special calibrations," explained Dr G N Dayananda, Manager, KSBDB.

As per Central government directions, ethanol blend in vehicles should increase to 25 per cent by 2025, but Karnataka government is in talks with OMCs to set a higher target.

According to KSBDB data, 28 sugar factories in the state which were producing 11 lakh kilo litres of ethanol per day, have now increased by 20 per cent in six months. With new distillation technologies, juices from sugarcane is directly being used for ethanol production. Due to limited demand in Karnataka, ethanol is also supplied to Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. Ethanol is being sold at Rs 48-64 a litre, depending upon the quality, whereas aviation fuel is sold at Rs 150 a litre.

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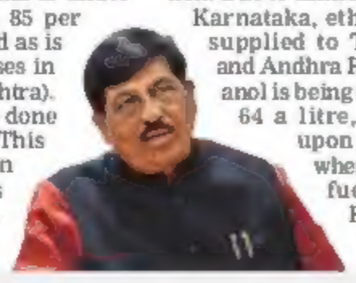

There is a 25 per cent excess sugar production which is being used in ethanol production. The government is in talks with companies to gradually phase out dependence on fossil fuels

Murugesh Nirani, Industries Minister

Hybrid engine units

Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani said the government is encouraging industries to set up units for hybrid engine manufacturing in the state.

GIM EXPECTED TO BRING IN Rs 5 LAKH CR INVESTMENT: MIN

Bengaluru: Karnataka is expected to attract investments to the tune of Rs 5 lakh crore during the upcoming Global Investors Meet (GIM) in Bengaluru. Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani said this will have the potential to generate employment opportunities for around five lakh people. "We are confident of reaching the target and doing even better," he told TNSE on Saturday. The State Level Single Window Clearance Committee and the High-Level Committee have already cleared Rs 3.4 lakh crore investment proposals | P4

120 DEAD IN SEOUL HALLOWEEN

AT least 120 people were killed and over 100 injured after being crushed by a large crowd pushing forward on a narrow street during Halloween festivities in Seoul's Itaewon on Saturday, South Korean officials said | P12

LAST OF THE GREATS

Jerry Lee Lewis, rock 'n' roll icon, dies at 87

LOS ANGELES: Jerry Lee Lewis, the untamable rock n' roll pioneer whose outrageous talent, energy and ego collided on such definitive records as 'Great Balls of Fire' and 'Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On' and sustained a career otherwise upended by personal scandal, died Friday morning aged 87. The last survivor of a generation of groundbreaking performers that included Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry and Little Richard, Lewis died at his Mississippi home.

Of all the rock rebels to emerge in the 1950s, few captured the new genre's attraction and danger as unforgettably as the Louisiana-born piano player who called himself "The Killer".

Lewis was all about lust and gratification, with his leering tenor and demanding asides, violent tempos and brash glissandi, cocky sneer and crazy blond hair. "There was Rockabilly. There was Elvis. But there was no pure rock 'n 'roll before Jerry Lee Lewis kicked in the door," a Lewis admirer once observed. That admirer was Jerry Lee Lewis.

But in his private life, he raged in ways that might have ended his career today and nearly did back then. P12

Enduring songs

'Great Balls of Fire,' a sexualised take on Biblical imagery that Lewis initially refused to record, and 'Whole Lotta Shakin' were his most enduring songs and performances.